

Minutes
Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting
April 5, 2011

Members Present

Co-Chair, Senator Debbie Clary
Co-Chair, Senator Fletcher Hartsell
Senator Dan Clodfelter
Senator Rick Gunn
Senator Ralph Hise
Senator Jean Preston

Chair, Representative Julia Howard
Representative Becky Carney
Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield
Representative Stephen LaRoque
Representative Marvin Lucas
Representative Shirley Randleman
Representative Edgar Starnes

Call to Order

Senator Debbie Clary, presiding Chair, called the meeting to order.

Action Taken

Representative Howard moved to adopt, and the committee approved the *Minutes* of the March 22, 2011 meeting.

Senator Clary announced that the next meeting will be April 19, 2011. Committee members will receive the Program Evaluation Division report on the North Carolina Global Trans Park.

Reports and Appearances

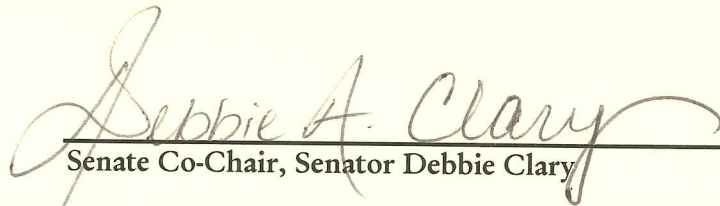
Senator Clary recognized John Turcotte, Director of the Program Evaluation Division to present the *Proposed 2011-2012 Work Plan* for the Program Evaluation Division. Mr. Turcotte explained that this was a two (2) year plan that will result in at least seventeen (17) reports that the Division will present to the joint committee. Senator Dan Clodfelter moved to adopt, and the committee approved the work plan.

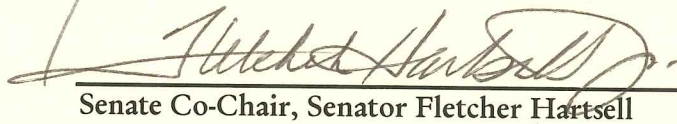
Senator Clary recognized Dr. Carol Ripple, Principal Program Evaluator for Program Evaluation Division to present the Division report *Programs for Children, Youth, and Families Need a Guiding Framework for Accountability and Funding*.

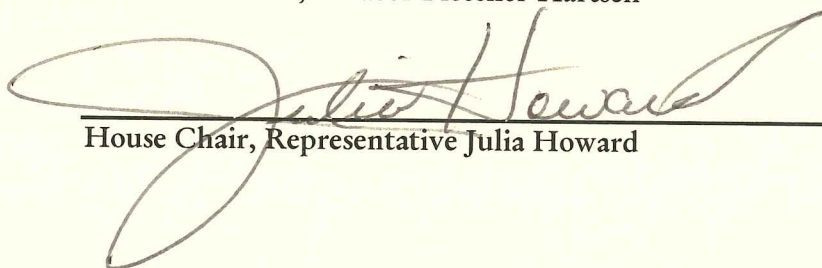
Senator Clary recognized John Turcotte to respond to several member questions about accountability and program outcome measurement. Turcotte explained that there was a need for an accountability infrastructure for state government in order for the General Assembly to determine return on taxpayer investment in state programs. He suggested that the accountability infrastructure should be as well developed and accepted as the standards for governmental financial statements, which a taxpayer may use to make valid comparisons among various governmental entities within and among states. He compared the unfortunate and deficient 2011 governmental accountability infrastructure in most states to the level of maturity and development of governmental financial accounting procedures in 1930's.

Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, the committee adjourned.


Senate Co-Chair, Senator Debbie Clary


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House Chair, Representative Julia Howard